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A certain economic journal has for quite a long time through the use of a graphic map indicated a considerable part of Louisiana as an area in which there is unusual evidence of returning prosperity. This was interesting news especially to those of us who were not conscious of this state of affairs. Unfortunately we do not have any similar service indicating geographic "highs" and "lows" for library progress. If we had, undoubtedly Louisiana would be listed as one of the regions showing great promise. Not only is much progress being made in school and parish libraries, in awakened college and reference libraries and in new activities of the Louisiana Library Commission but vast hidden historical resources of interest to libraries are being made available through the useful work of government projects now being carried on. Some of these interesting research activities are discussed in this bulletin.

The work of the Citizens' Library Movement is spreading from parish to parish and everywhere there is renewed determination that the underprivileged in books shall have their wants supplied. All this growth of library-mindedness suggests to President James McMullen a theme for the coming Louisiana State Library Association meeting. It is, "More and better libraries for Louisiana through cooperation of both citizens and library workers and coordination of all library resources." To this suggestion all forward-looking librarians and citizens will agree.

The Survey of Federal Archives and Its Value to Libraries in Louisiana

By STANLEY C. ARTHUR

ONE of the important undertakings of your Uncle Sam during the late and unlamented depression, was his endeavor to find work for those of his nieces and nephews who could not be absorbed by curtailed private enterprises.

As most students of political economy know, work was found for the artisans in their various fields of endeavor—musicians were enrolled and earned their money by tooting their horns or playing their fiddles; carpenters were put to work building houses; bookbinders bound books; masons built brick walls; CCC Camps were organized and young men set out in the open to work and live properly; those handy with needle work were placed on sewing projects, and writers were engaged in the work they knew best—that of writing.

So, through the whole gamut of human endeavor, suitable tasks were assigned and those out of employment were put to work by the WPA in a splendid and successful attempt to end unemployment.

All of the 48 states and the territories were benefited by this stupendous task so bravely undertaken by the national officials of the WPA. Also benefited were the multitudes of cities, towns, and villages throughout this broad land of ours. Uncle Sam was looking out for everything and everybody, and the millions of dollars he was spending on wages went to the benefit of the states and their cities and smaller communities.

However, there was one nation-wide project, instituted in this broad humanitarian campaign to combat and end unemployment, whereby Uncle Sam spent some of *his* money on *himself*, in addition to paying wages to his nieces and nephews in the various states—and that one project was The Survey of Federal Archives outside the District of Columbia.

It has been my good fortune and privilege

to head this work for the past year and-a-half as its regional director, not only in Louisiana but in Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee as well, and I am glad of the opportunity offered to tell the readers of this Louisiana Library Bulletin a little something about what we are *supposed* to do, what we *are* doing, what we *have* accomplished, and what we *expect* to do, and what we *will* do in the days to come.

Under the Act of Congress which created the National Archives, the Archivist of the United States was empowered "to inspect personally or by deputy the records of any agency of the United States Government whatsoever and wheresoever located."

Under this broad authorization, the National Archives joined hands with the Works Progress Administration in instituting a survey of these Federal archives, located here, there, and everywhere, by creating a nationwide Survey project. The WPA was the official sponsor and the National Archives at Washington the cooperating sponsor. Doctor Philip M. Hamer of the National Archives was named National Director.

Like other WPA projects, one purpose of this Survey of Federal Archives was to provide useful work for many of the unemployed of the United States, especially those of the so-called white-collar class. In this category was included historians, political scientists, economists, lawyers, librarians, teachers, statisticians, archivists, and others, whose past work in good times, had specifically trained them for the work proposed.

The purpose of this nation-wide search of storage places was to provide information of value to the National Archives, to other agencies of the United States Government, and to students of history and economics. During the period our work has been in progress, since March of 1936, we have found

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The Historical Records Survey

By JOHN C. L. ANDREASSEN

State Director

THE cooperation of the Works Progress Administration with libraries to prevent retrogression during the recent difficult years has netted both tangible and intangible results of more or less common knowledge to all librarians. One consequence and extension of this mutual aid is to be found in the product of the Historical Records Survey, a Federal Project under the Division of Women's and Professional Projects. Through the publication of inventories of the hundreds of state, county (parish), and municipal archives, of church, labor union and business records inventories, of guides to manuscript collections, and of calendars of individual collections, the Historical Records Survey is providing the librarian, and those whom he assists, with tools for the use of millions of records whose very existence was practically unknown.

The idea of a nationwide inventory of

state, county and other local records seems to have been broached as early as 1931 by Dr. Jean Stephenson, and to have been promoted in one form or another by Curtis W. Garrison, A. R. Newsome, Francis S. Philbrick, Conyers Read, Robert C. Binkley, T. R. Schellenberg, and others. A number of local projects under the C.W.A. and F.E.R.A. during 1934 and 1935 demonstrated that amateurs under supervision could do the work. Mr. Harry L. Hopkins recognized the value of such an inventory when it became possible to use "white collar" workers on a nationwide survey.

Dr. Luther H. Evans drafted the detailed plan, and was appointed National Supervisor of the Survey. Work was begun in most states during the early months of 1936. State Directors of the Federal Writers' Projects were placed in charge, with assistants where

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the exact location, the volume, and the conditions of storage of Federal archives. We have been able to identify them as regards their contents; we have arranged and re-ordered the records of the Customs Service, Internal Revenue, the United States Courts, War Department, Post Office, and the other like Federal institutions and agencies. We have surveyed 82,952 linear feet of documents in Louisiana, made 13,083 separate reports to Washington, or a total, for the three States of Louisiana, Arkansas, and Mississippi, of 23,168 reports and a surveying of 169,830 linear feet of documents.

For a year and four months, while we operated as a regional office, The Survey of Federal Archives gave congenial work to 45 citizens in Mississippi, 54 in Arkansas, 48 in Tennessee, and 110 in Louisiana, or a total of 257 trained workers in the entire region.

Not only was the result of these paid-for efforts of tremendous value to the govern-

mental agencies surveyed, but, as many interesting and valuable historic documents were unearthed, the worth of this particular survey took on added interest and value—especially to university students, historians, writers, educators, economic and research experts.

Since July of this year, the Survey has been continued throughout the nation under state sponsorship. In Louisiana, through the intelligent interest and whole-hearted support of Governor Richard W. Leche and the Louisiana State University, The Survey of Federal Archives has continued with the university's library functioning as cooperating sponsor and the WPA as official sponsor.

Assisted by James A. McMillen, the university's librarian; the wise guidance of Robert J. Usher, librarian of the Howard Memorial Library, and the intelligent and sympathetic assistance of Mrs. Leo G. Spofford,

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required. The Survey in Louisiana was thus under the direction of Mr. Lyle Saxon until March 10, 1937 when the two projects were separated.

The national objectives of the Survey have been detailed in an address by Dr. Evans before the Fortieth Annual Convention of the National Association of State Libraries in New York, June, 1937. The writer will merely attempt to outline the objectives of the Survey in Louisiana. We are presently engaged in inventorying parish, state, and municipal archives, church, labor union and business records, manuscript depositories, and collections, and in calendaring manuscript collections. The order in which these have been listed is approximately that of the precedence given to each.

As of December 1, 1937, the parish archives of sixteen parishes have been completely inventoried; sixteen more are now being worked. Nine inventory drafts have been completed; one, Saint Charles Parish, is presently being mimeographed. A preliminary to work on these inventories was the compilation of constitutional provisions and legislative acts relating to each office and its records, each parish and its legal history. From this research, historical essays detailing the development of each local office have been compiled as introductions to the records inventory of each office found in the parish. The statewide Inventory of Parish Archives of Louisiana compiled in sixty-four volumes will indicate in the numbered records entries: the exact title, inclusive dates, missing records in the series, a description of the contents, how indexed, whether handwritten, typed or printed, whether in Spanish, French or English, how arranged, and where located. A comprehensive cross reference index will serve each volume.

The task of inventorying the state archives of Louisiana is approximately 85 per cent completed. Legal research, edited introductory essays, and records entries of the type described for the parish volumes are now underway.

With the exception of one depository, the municipal archives inventory in New Orleans has been completed. This publication will serve as a guide to several hundred archives depositories in the city, and the list of records entries totals something over fifteen hundred items. Approximately ten per cent of the remaining municipal archives in Louisiana have been inventoried.

An interesting phase of the Survey has been the inventory of church records. In the one parish completed to date, we have listed something over six hundred churches, compiled a brief historical sketch for each church, cited the bibliography on each, and listed the records. It is our conviction that even a cursory examination of the Inventory of Church Archives of Orleans Parish will reveal that these records have interest and value for more than the student of church history. Registers, membership records and financial journals, of all denominations and both races have significance for the economist, the welfare worker, the statistician, the lawyer and many others which makes them akin to the local governmental archives in content and importance.

Something approaching seventy-five per cent of the labor unions in the state have been contacted, and their records inventoried. It is hoped that we may publish a statewide inventory and guide to these records in the near future.

The work of the Survey in manuscript materials, it is hoped, will result in three different products. These are: (1) "Guide to Depositories of Manuscript Collections in the United States;" (2) "Guide to Manuscript Collections in the United States;" and (3) Calendars and Inventories of Manuscript Collections in the United States. The Louisiana contribution to the first mentioned has been virtually completed. Several hundred collections have been studied in Louisiana toward the completion of the second phase of this work. Under the last mentioned topic we have already compiled, and the Department

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Louisiana Library Commission

WITH a new high record of service, the Louisiana Library Commission is preparing to close 1937 with a feeling of much accomplished. For demands on the library commission have increased tremendously in the last six months with books asked for—and obtained—on almost every subject under the sun.

Working hand in hand with the social security program and with the statewide campaign for adult education, the library commission has found the need for reliable information has increased definitely in Louisiana. The demand for particular books has been larger than ever before and the commission's resources have been taxed to the utmost.

Through November the library commission answered 25,628 requests for special information. These have included virtually every subject on which books have been written—and a few on which books are still to appear. Inter-library loans have been necessary in more than one case.

The Library Commission in November awarded approximately 375 reading certificates to residents of Louisiana who during the year had read a total of 12 selected books. This number is not particularly large, the commission feels, but since reading-for-certificates was pushed into the background by other more important projects, the general consensus is that it is not too bad.

And, by the way, new lists of books that may be read for certificates are now ready and may be obtained free of charge from the library commission offices here. In the event one does not reach for a certificate, the lists are excellent answers to the questions of what to read.

Book Week came and went with the library commission supplying exhibits of books and speakers to a number of libraries, schools and clubs. At the commission offices special exhibits were arranged including one on Louisiana authors which attracted great attention and resulted in a demand for books by Louisianians.

During November a concentrated campaign to build up membership in the Citizens' Library Movement was conducted and is being continued. Indicative of the very real interest the residents of Louisiana have in the library movement, this project has received support from practically every statewide organization and from individuals in every section of the state. In fact, the librarians themselves have been more lax in rallying to its support than have the citizens. Membership is open to librarians and it has been suggested that each librarian in Louisiana act as a one-man membership committee. State aid for library development at the next session of the Legislature is one of the primary aims of the Citizens' Library Movement and it behooves every librarian to do his part toward making this a reality.

The tri-parish library, first in the United States financed and directed by a state agency, moves merrily on its way. Books read during the first four months by residents of Winn, Grant and Jackson parishes total nearly 65,000 volumes and if placed end to end would stretch some eight miles. The 30,000 persons served by the library are lined up solidly behind the project and are determined that the library shall be a permanent institution.

Distributing books into remote areas and to isolated homes, the tri-parish library is demonstrating that it is the answer to the problem of bringing books into rural areas.

Reports from other parish libraries show that they, too, are progressing steadily, increasing circulation and service quite generally. Largely as a result of the efficient work of the Sabine parish library, the Eighth District of the Louisiana Federation of Women's Clubs received a cash prize for earning the most reading certificates. Mrs. W. M. Knott, district president, immediately presented the prize to the Citizens' Library Movement.

Speaking of clubwomen, the commission has been called upon to give considerable aid

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College and Reference Section

DISPLAYS AND PUBLICITY

AS nearly every library, college, reference, public or school, is interested in exhibits or displays, or in fact publicity, we of the College Section thought it would be interesting to study these items of library interest for this edition of the Bulletin.

AT LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Displays are changed every two weeks and as nearly as possible the topics are chosen for their timeliness. The subjects of the exhibits during the fall were as follows:

College Life: Early L. S. U. was featured and old University bulletins, papers, and books on some of the outstanding universities in this country and abroad.

English Books: Interesting old English books and periodicals showing the relation between England and America as revealed in some old English books.

Old European Books: French books, newspapers, German and Spanish books were used.

Travel: By land, by sea, and by air served as a basis for the fourth exhibit.

Sports: Football was centered in books both old and new on the history and development of football including a copy by an L. S. U. alumnus about the Tiger gridiron. Other sports were included so that there was a general collection of books about various sports both here and abroad, including two very old books on gambling and hunting.

AT NORTHEAST CENTER

The library at Northeast Center utilizes the obvious channels for publicity: the bulletin board and the college paper. A section of slanting shelves is also used, to display new books and periodicals. A table display case is convenient for an additional display of recently acquired or timely reading material.

As a year-around plan for publicity, the library has found most satisfactory a series
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to organizations planning their programs. Only recently a supply of books were sent to the Rotary Club of Morgan City, one book being selected for each member. And for the clubwomen, the commission prepared a program building booklet which shows how club programs can be built on books. These booklets were distributed at the convention of the Louisiana Federation of Women's Clubs, where, by the way, a symposium on "Reading, Reading and More Reading—The Three R'S" was a program feature. The commission also sent an exhibit to the convention of the Louisiana Teachers' Association in Shreveport, showing posters and booklets.

An important new phase of the commission's work is now developing. This is in line with the state department of education's campaign to reduce illiteracy in Louisiana.

Sweeping in its scope, this campaign is going to need the cooperation of all libraries everywhere, the commission believes.

The work of the Louisiana Library Commission received attention from Iowa and Minnesota recently when J. O. Modisette, chairman, gave a series of addresses before statewide meetings in those two states. Mr. Modisette was one of the featured speakers at library conferences and told what Louisiana is doing in the field of library development.

Resident of Louisiana are more keenly aware of libraries and the need for them than ever before, Miss Essae M. Culver, secretary of the commission, finds during her trips over the state. They are hungry for books and are anxious to see libraries established.

of programs, such as were executed two years ago by the Northeast Center Library Club. The library club, in most cases, instead of inviting the group to be guests at library club meetings, asked the privilege of taking over one program per year. Thus the meetings were most convenient to the groups which the library wished to reach. The first program of the year was: the Faculty and the Library; others were: Music and Library (a display of the Stephen Foster collection of songs was used here), Publications and the Library, Science and the Library, Athletics and the Library, etc. At each time the library arranged a display of library material of most interest to the group concerned. The library club found that this plan made for an interesting variation of activities for itself; and the groups for whom the meetings were planned seemed to welcome the opportunity of turning over one program each year to the library.

AT TECH:

The librarian at Tech suggested an interesting way of giving library books publicity and at the same time overcoming handicaps which arouse from lack of space. Perhaps the most successful publicity given new books at Tech is by means of scrap-books. These have been made from time to time by N Y A students under the direction of the Cataloger. Stout binders' board and a very heavy paper have gone into the making of the book itself, and the gay jackets of the more popular and recreational type of books are pasted on the pages in as pleasing a manner as may be. The scrap-books are kept at the desk in the Reading Room and are given out to any one who asks for them. Almost any time of the day one or two students, or sometimes a group, may be seen poring over these books, trying to decide from the information gained there which book they would rather read.

AT TULANE:

Tulane University, during the Centennial celebration of the University library, arranged a large display of materials relating to the history of the University. The display was presented during Commencement Week and

as was to be expected attracted a great deal of attention from the visitors, students, and alumni. Included in the display were publications of the University, books and historical materials of the period. A special exhibit was also given concerning Paul Tulane and another on New Orleans' history at the time of the founding of the University.

One exhibit sponsored by Tulane and certainly one that would interest other librarians, was a small model of a new library building designed by one of the students of the School of Architecture as a prize competition.

In general the displays at Tulane are confined to those appropriate for museum cases and bulletin board material.

AT SOUTHWESTERN:

Displays at Southwestern are arranged on a special display shelf, and the topic for display is chosen by whatever is of timely interest on the campus. Annotated lists of books for collateral readings particularly of interest in the English Department are found useful in assisting students with their book selection.

AT CENTENARY:

During the fall the class in Library Science has sponsored displays for the library. They are planned in advance and grades given on the project just as any other assignment.

One of the displays was centered around contemporary books portraying the Nineteenth Century. Dummies covered with the bright new jackets of the books being advertised were displayed in the cabinet along with a miniature scene of Nineteenth Century furnishings and dolls dressed representing the period.

The current display on Christmas includes figures representing the Manger Scene and an attractive poster of the Wise Men, accompanied with a choice group of the most interesting books on Christmas stories, including the traditional classics as well as a few of the contemporary materials.

A display given through the cooperation of the Science Department on individualized Christmas cards collected by one of the pro-

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A. L. A. Membership

Now is the time—
No, you're wrong,

IT'S time for renewal of membership in the American Library Association.

This word comes from none other than Miss Debora Abramson, Louisiana membership chairman for the national association, in a special message addressed to librarians, libraries and trustees as well as to friends of all three.

Proudly Miss Abramson points to Louisiana's record for the last fiscal year when this state was the first to reach its membership quota as assigned by A. L. A.

But lest the librarians feel too pleased with themselves, Miss Abramson hastens to add with crushing calm that Louisiana's membership is terribly low. So this year a special

plea to join will be addressed to libraries and to trustees, who previously have made a record for themselves, too, but a record of not being members.

Full information regarding membership will be mailed out to all interested this week and Miss Abramson urges librarians to make themselves into a committee-to-seethat-their libraries-and-trustees join the national organization.

Louisiana's membership in the A. L. A., she believes, is the thermometer of the growing interest and activities of library work in the state.

So act accordingly.

LOUISIANA A. L. A. COMMITTEE MEMBERS, 1937-38

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School Libraries

THE Library Section of the Louisiana Teachers' Association held its annual meeting on November 19 in the Byrd High School Library at Shreveport, with 77 members attending. The program contained many excellent features, including a talk by Mary Grace Lowrey of the Bossier City High

School on "Magazine Problems", and a dialogue between Evelyn Peters, Librarian of the Colton High School, New Orleans, and Ella V. Aldrich of the L. S. U. Library, on high-school and college instruction in the use of the library. Since Miss Aldrich was

unable to be present, her part was taken by Sue Hefley of the Northeast Center of L. S. U. In the business session which followed, a committee was appointed to make a study of this problem, with the expected cooperation of the College Section of the Louisiana Library Association.

Another topic of timely interest, the part of the school librarian in the development of the new curriculum, was discussed by Etta Mae Cowser, Librarian of the Lisbon High School. Copies of the first issue of the Louisiana Association Bulletin were distributed by Mildred Hogan of the State Department of Education, who described briefly some of the work of this Association and urged the school librarians present to take part in it.

Following this, Debora Abramson, Assistant Secretary of the Louisiana Library Commission, discussed the Citizens' Library Movement, with emphasis on the part that school librarians can take in arousing community interest. Miss Abramson later reported that much interest was shown in the Movement by those present at the meeting.

The officers of the Library Section for 1937-38, elected at the Shreveport meeting, are as follows: Chairman, Irene Pope, Librarian, Haynesville High School; Vice-chairman, Stella Dolhonde, Librarian, Jennings High School; Secretary, Lillian Phillips, Librarian, Minden High School.

According to the first report on the use of the collections of books for adults made available through fifty-six high-school libraries by the State Department of Education, 5,177 borrowers were registered between April 1 and October 1, 1937, and these adults read 14,355 books. Twenty-eight of the collections were open for circulation at least five months in this period of time, usually with the high-school librarian or the principal in charge.

Some of the comments reported by the librarians are as follows:

Appreciative response from readers in the community; This library collection has been used by the adults in a greater degree than we expected; The adults have certainly enjoyed reading these books; Although the

circulation has decreased lately because of the necessity for constant farm work, it has been expected to rise rapidly with the coming months.

A comparison will be made later on of the use of these collections and the use made of the Tri-Parish Library in Grant, Jackson, and Winn Parishes. This experiment is being conducted at the request of Governor Leche by the Louisiana Library Commission and the State Department of Education.

The United States Office of Education staff has recently been increased by the addition of a Library Service Division, with Mr. Ralph M. Dunbar of Ames, Iowa, as Chief of the Division, Miss Edith Gantt of Fairfield, California, as Specialist in Public Libraries, and Miss Nora Beust of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, as Specialist in School Libraries. The work of the new Division is expected to develop and promote better library service through the United States for both young people and adults.

Louisiana school librarians are especially delighted to learn of the appointment of Miss Benst, who is well-known not only in the South but nationally as the author of many lists of children's books and a leader in the work of the American Library Association.

Many accounts of 1937 Book Week celebrations are being received by Miss Lois F. Shortess, State Supervisor of School Libraries, among them reports from the Margaret C. Hanson Teachers' College, New Orleans, the Greenwood High School, the Redemptorist High School, New Orleans, the Gilbert High School, the Jamestown High School, and St. Mary's Academy, Natchitoches. These accounts of programs, newspaper publicity, pictures, etc., are kept on file in Miss Shortess' office for circulation to librarians interested in new ideas for Book Week observances.

The familiar green slips are again making their annual appearance in the pages of
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Junior Members Round Table

GREETINGS FROM JMRT OFFICERS. Evelyn Stuart Cormier, chairman, Pat Pugh, vice-chairman and Patsy Burguières, secretary-treasurer bid all Junior Members the greetings of the season. May the New Year be loaded with much happiness, lots of health and zest for living—and work, for work is the life of the mind.

"LET US THEN BE UP AND DOING!" In our first and last appearance we spoke of having the Bulletin under our wing. For its first issue we did some pretty good work. The second issue's work is a little better as far as advertising goes, but what we need is active participation in the JMRT section. Will every one who reads this section consider that he or she has taken the obligation to write to the JMRT section in care of Evelyn Stuart Cormier, editor? Just

one paragraph of news—about six lines. Evelyn's address is

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WILL YOU BE THERE? On February 26, the Saturday before Carnival, there will be a meeting of Junior Members. The southern parishes will confer in New Orleans. The plan includes a meeting in some central district of the northern parishes, that is those who do not find New Orleans a convenient sojourning spot. Information on this will be sent to you a little later. The purpose of these meetings is primarily to incite greater interest and active participation in the JMRT by every member, not by officers only, and to discuss special problems which may be
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the *A. L. A. Bulletin*, reminding us that it is time to send in our 1938 dues to the American Library Association, 520 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago. Progressive school librarians report that they consider well spent the three dollars charged for this membership.

All school librarians belonging to the A. L. A. are eligible as members of the School Library Section, which carries on a very active and interesting program. Miss Johanna Klingholz, Librarian of the Clifford B. Connelley Vocational High School, Pittsburgh, who is Membership Chairman of the Section, is anxious to increase the membership for 1938. The dues for the Section are fifty cents, and may be sent direct to Miss Klingholz.

Mr. W. D. Postell, Librarian of the Mansfield High School, Mansfield, Louisiana, offers for exchange certain numbers of the following magazines:

Time, 1929-1937; National Geographic, 1930-1932, 1934, 1935, 1937; Literary Digest, 1935-1937; Harper's, 1931, 1932, 1934, 1935; Atlantic Monthly, 1936; Current History, 1929-

1935; Readers' Digest, 1933, 1936, 1937; Scribner's, 1934-1936; Forum, 1931-1937.

He is particularly interested in obtaining certain numbers of the following magazines, in order to complete his files: Literary Digest, 1932-1934; National Geographic, 1922-1929; Review of Reviews, 1935, 1936; Scribner's, 1933, 1934, 1937; Hygeia, 1934-1937; Nature, 1934, 1935, 1937; Readers' Digest, 1930, 1931.

Mr. Postell will be glad to give detailed information to any school librarian who would be interested in such an exchange of magazines. If other librarians have requests of this type which they would like to have printed in this Bulletin, the editor of the school library news will be glad to have their lists.

Mr. Lionel J. Bourgeois, the newly appointed district superintendent of the New Orleans Public Schools, instituted this fall a high-school supervisory program that is being held at the Margaret C. Hanson Teachers' College. There are 23 sectional groups, composed of teachers or librarians, who meet
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Libraries for Negroes

LIBRARIES for Negroes in New Orleans were visited by interested and interesting educators during the meeting of the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges for Negroes, held in New Orleans on December 9 and 10. Hardly a president, dean, or principal failed to pay at least a brief call to see how the proverbial "heart of the school" was functioning. It would seem that educators are appreciative of what a library is and does. Fisk, Atlanta, Wiley, Tuskegee, Virginia State, Hampton, Howard, Talladega, Tougaloo, Prairie View, Florida A. and M., Southern, Dillard and high schools galore, through their representatives, paid tribute to Xavier's new library. Those not fortunate enough to

have adequate library facilities as yet, expressed the hope, in some cases not a vain hope but a soon to be realized one, that they may have a library equal to Xavier's in usefulness and attractiveness.

At the dinner session at Dillard University, Mordecai Johnson, President of Howard University, spoke of the shortcomings of present day specialized education taught by specialists to embryonic specialists. His antidote for the poison of specialization is a broad cultural and spiritual training. In this development of the whole man, which Dr. Johnson sees as the only savior of civilization, the library must play an important part.

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JUNIOR MEMBERS ROUND TABLE

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interesting to the general assembly at the Spring state meeting. The old biblical saying, "man was not made to live alone", finds its truth in the established fact that man is gregarious. One of the greatest enjoyments and the chief benefit of this very human characteristic is the exchange of ideas. There is too little traffic in thought among us. We are known for our altruism (our bank accounts wonder if this is an advantage) but there is a tremendous uncornered market of an altruistic product—the idea. Junior Members who are sitting back quietly in your own little library world, doing your work graciously, quietly, splendidly, be generous with us your fellow workers. Let us barter, buy and sell. The purpose of our particular group is to afford us, the Juniors of the library field lacking in years of experience but opulent with ideas, an opportunity to voice them and put them into effect. If you are a Junior Member, meet with us. Be a Charlie McCarthy, and let us as a body profit by the ideas and vision of each one of us. Monroe, Alexandria, Baton Rouge, New Iberia, Reserve—the candid camera is on YOU!

EXCELSIOR! A project which we have "pro'd" and "con'd" since our birth is in

embryo: The making of a directory of all librarians in the state of Louisiana. The object is to have some place to turn to for addresses, qualifications and verification of names. For this purpose Debora Abramson, we all know her, of the Commission Library has most kindly turned over to us her file of names—a prodigious beginning. From this list we shall address envelopes enclosing a form with the information which this file will require. The directory will be arranged alphabetically by parish and name of librarian, and is to include such information as a permanent home and business address, membership in our Louisiana Library Association, and the American Library Association, married and maiden name and library training. These forms should reach every one by January 15th. If by that time anyone has been slighted, please let us know. This is a work in which every Junior Member can do her bit.

QUO VADIS? The next time this section appears, Evelyn Peters of Colton High will be assistant editor with Mrs. Cormier and now a Merry Christmas to all and best personal wishes from your retiring Secretary-Treasurer

Patsy Burguières

LIBRARIES FOR NEGROES

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Dr. Clark, President of Southern University, announced at the dinner meeting that Southern has received very liberal support from the state of Louisiana for the year 1938. Dr. Clark said that Governor Leche's idea is to provide a means of revenue to continue over a period of at least fifty years so as to insure continued growth. We feel sure that when definite plans for Southern's strengthening and expanding are completed the library will secure a full share of the good things that are to be Southern's.

As we know, training for librarianship is essential to the full use of whatever books, periodicals and other materials may be provided in our libraries and schools. The State has a working plan to provide library books for schools but are we preparing people to use these books as they should be used? Steps have been taken in that direction. Last year during the summer months, Southern University offered courses to teacher-librarians. The group taking the courses compiled a list of books from which the first State purchase of library books for Negro schools was made. This summer, Southern again offered courses to teacher-librarian. and Xavier University offered a second summer's course to those teachers who took the first summer's course at Southern last year. The group at Xavier compiled a list of books from which the next purchase of books for the Negro schools will be made. Another practical feature of Xavier's course was the cataloging of the state library books assigned to Tangipahoa Parish, thus providing valuable experience for the teachers taking the course and valuable service to Tangipahoa Parish. A number of teachers taking the courses have expressed a desire to take work leading to a library degree, but the establishment of a library school for Negroes in the State is in the very dim future.

Book Week, November 14-21, was celebrated with zest by the faculty and students

of Xavier University.

Mr. McComb, librarian at Tulane University and Mr. Usher, librarian of the Howard Memorial Library, spoke during the course of the week, and the library staff presented a skit showing what happens to a book from the time it arrives at the library until it is ready for circulation. The Art Department cooperated splendidly with the Library and posters were displayed throughout the Main Building and the Library Building. Classes from the Xavier High School visited the library and were taken on escorted tours through the building.

Xavier University Library recently purchased approximately one hundred new juvenile books. There is no children's department as yet in the library, but that does not mean that these juveniles have not circulated. Practically every Negro school in the city has one or more teachers enrolled in evening school at Xavier, and these teachers use the juveniles in their classes. It would seem that Xavier library is sacred to no form of library work. "Step-up" and "Step-down" problems appear as well as the usual type of college library work.

The Negro branch of the New Orleans Public Library has been receiving very favorable publicity in the New Orleans papers. Perhaps the time is at hand when another branch will be opened to serve the area "below Canal Street".

Miss Stanton, assistant-librarian at Dillard University, has a year's leave of absence to work for her library degree at the University of Michigan. Mr. Jordan, a graduate of the Hampton Library School, is taking her place at Dillard this year.

Good news for all librarians! The Xavier University Press is going to publish very shortly the "Xavier University Occupational Guidance Monographs." John Patrick Cor-

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Public Libraries

NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mr. Edgar R. Du Mont was recently appointed by Mayor Robert S. Maestri to the Board of Directors of the New Orleans Public Library. He is a former King of the Carnival, Vice-President of the Boston Club, and is a lumber exporter.

The branch libraries are being treated for termites.

The City of New Orleans granted the Public Library a \$25,000 increase in appropriation making a total city appropriation of \$80,000. It has been suggested that additional money may be made available to the Library during the last six months of the year, provided the City received funds as anticipated. The Library will be able to carry on the program inaugurated in 1937 but no expansion will be possible.

In response to a request by Mrs. Pate, President of the American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 114, a member of the Circulation Department, Miss Dorothy Beckemeyer, was guest speaker at a meeting on November 12, with "Sequence Reading for Busy Women" as her topic. She pointed out that more vital ideas are to be gained from reading a number of books on any given subject than from hopping breathlessly from one "important" book to another on a variety of subjects. An occasion such as this, in addition to affording an opportunity to direct reading, gives the members of the staff a chance to answer general questions on our public library rules and procedure.

14 staff members received reading certificates from the Louisiana Library Commission.

For Book Week the Circulation Department had an exhibit of damaged and mutilated books. The captions used were: "Help

reduce the Discard Shelf" and "A Good Book is the Best of Friends the same to-day and forever". This display showed the various types of book damage such as books with dog-eared pages, coffee-stained books, art books with plates cut from the text, and numerous works of fiction and nonfiction with the readers' personal literary criticism scribbled on the margins of the pages. Colored leaflets were mimeographed and distributed to patrons advising them of the revision of the book collection for damages, and asking their cooperation in an effort to reduce the careless handling and malicious mutilation of books.

During Book Week some 1515 children visited the Main Library. Every day during the week at 10 and 11 o'clock Indian stories were told in the Children's Room. These Indian stories were also told at the Branches during the month, and appropriate Indian displays were arranged in connection with the stories at the Main and all of the Branches. On Wednesday afternoon a program was given in the library auditorium. Five children, in costume, gave interpretations from "Hitty", "Caddie Woodlawn", "Lady Jane", "Young Fu", and "Roller Skates". This special program was attended by about 350 children.

Members of the Junior League gave a Punch and Judy show in the Children's Room of the Main Library. It was thoroughly enjoyed and the audience was most appreciative. This same show will be repeated on a monthly schedule at each one of the branch libraries.

ALEXANDRIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

During the last three months there was an increase in the use made of the reference facilities of the library by both adults and children.

Book Week was observed by the library. The librarian, Miss Lillie J. Thornton, took part in the special program given by the Tioga Progressive Book Club for the pupils of the Tioga High School.

HOMER PUBLIC LIBRARY

This library gives service to a portion of Claiborne Parish. Open on Wednesdays and Saturdays, the library is sponsored by the Woman's Department Club, under the supervision of the library extension division of the Club. Funds are inadequate and a regional library unit, a Citizens library movement, would be a necessary step for advancement. Miss Lily Kinabrew was one of the organizers of the library in 1929 and has served as librarian since that time. The library is situated in a lovely suite of rooms in the City Hall. Last month the circulation was 810. 30 of the leading titles of fiction and non-fiction were added, and 500 books were repaired by N. Y. A. workers.

LAKE CHARLES PUBLIC LIBRARY

In memory of their father, Leopold Kaufman, who served from 1907-37 as president of the Board of Trustees of the library, E. R. Kaufman and Mrs. A. W. Mayer have presented the library with a collection of nearly 200 volumes, together with an attractive bookcase and an oil painting of Mr. Kaufman. The books consist of only new current non-fiction.

The Bible, literature, and poetry division of the fine arts department of the Eenterprise Club recently gave a book shower for the benefit of the library. The program consisted of a review of Vincent Norman Peal's "Art of living" and poetry selections.

SHREVE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

During the last several months the work at Shreve Memorial Library has shown progress over the same period last year. In the circulation department the percent of registrations and the number of books circulated has nominally increased. For the month of October 1937 the circulation was 11,665 and

for the same month this year 14,289 an increase of 2,624.

In the juvenile department the story hours have been supplemented by marionette shows and amateur theatricals. Our story teller tours the parish each week presenting programs in the branches.

Some of the most interesting work of the library is being done by the WPA book mending project. This project started work just one year ago and they have mended over 5,000 books, 357 newspapers and 130 magazines, at a cost of less than .20 cents per book.

During book week, which coincided with the Louisiana Teachers' Convention, the library celebrated, with Mr. Stanley Clisby Arthur lecturing on the life of Audubon. Exhibits in both the adult and juvenile rooms displayed.

Two meetings of the branch custodians have been held this fall. Interest in this department has increased considerably as shown by the number of loans.

Plans for this coming year are being made and include a stressing of the branch service and a building up of the book stock of the central library.

Miss Catherine Cline, formerly Reference Librarian, has accepted a position at the Georgia Military College in Milledgeville, Georgia.

COMING CONVENTIONS

President James McMillen announces that the annual meeting of the Louisiana Library Association will be held in Alexandria, April 14 to 16. The Bentley Hotel will be headquarters. A program for the meeting will be printed in the March issue.

President Essae M. Culver announces for the Southwestern Association that as yet there is no decision as to a meeting place in 1938. There will not be a joint meeting with the Southeastern Association, that organization having voted against the plan.

Louisiana in Print--1937

Recent references on Louisiana or by Louisiana authors, including books of importance bearing local imprints selected and annotated by Marguerite Renshaw, Reference Librarian, Howard Memorial Library, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Fiction

- BRADFORD, ROARK—Three headed Angel, N. Y., Harper, 1937. A story which tells of some white settlers in Western Tennessee, made more valuable by the faithful recording of the flavorful language.
- BRISTOW, GWEN—Deep Summer, 329 p. N. Y., Crowell, 1937. A swiftly moving, interesting story of Louisiana in the 18th century.
- HUGGINS, CLELIE—Point Noir, 532 p., Boston, Houghton Mifflin, 1937. Sombre but well written tale of a family in Southwest Louisiana.
- MIMS, SAM—Us-All. 292 p. Caldwell, Caxton printers, 1937.
An interesting picture of a modern cotton plantation, with an intelligent planter, whose chief investment is the education of a promising young negro, whose subsequent contribution to the success of the plantation, to his own advancement and to that of his people, is more than ample dividend for the original investor.
- SAXON, LYLE—Children of Strangers, 294 p. Boston, Houghton Mifflin, 1937.
Story of a mulatto colony in Louisiana, well written, with excellent local color; one of the best sellers of 1937.
- A Southern Harvest, edited by Robert Penn Warren. 360 p. Boston, Houghton, Mifflin Co., 1937.
A collection of selective short stories, with contributions from some of the foremost Louisiana writers.
- WILEY, ROGER AND WOOD, HELEN M.—Us Three Women. 320 p. Phila., Penn., 1937. A novel containing a faithful study of never failing interest, that of the Louisiana negro.
- YENNI, JULIA TRUITT—Never Say Good-bye.

269 p. N. Y., Reynal, 1937. A story of a Louisiana family told by one of the eight children, against an authentic background.

Non-Fiction

- ARTHUR, STANLEY CLISBY—Audubon, an intimate life of the American Woodsman. 517 p. New Orleans, Harmanson, 1937.
An important, authoritative, well documented life of John James Audubon.
- ARTHUR, STANLEY CLISBY—Famous New Orleans drinks and how to mix 'em. 96 p. N. O., Harmanson, 1937.
A spirited book in more ways than one, giving the history of many of the drinks that have helped make New Orleans famous, and what is best, telling how to mix them. A book full of zest and atmosphere.
- AUDUBON, JOHN JAMES BIRDS OF AMERICA—edited by William Vogt, New York, Mac-Millan, 1937.
Reproduction of the naturalist's magnificent illustrations from the elephant folio with the sixty five additional illustrations which were included in the octavo edition of 1840. First popular edition of this great work which will be welcomed.
- BLAIN, HUGH MERCER, *ed.*—Favorite Huey Long stories. 116 p. Baton Rouge, Otto Claitor, 1937. Collected stories of a vigorous personality.
- BLOOM, CHARLES J.—The care and feeding of babies in warm climates. New Orleans, Pelican Publishing Co., 1937. A very complete guide book for parents in the South on baby care and feeding, by an expert on the subject.
- CRABITES, PIERRE—Unhappy Spain. 244 p. Louisiana State Univ. Press, 1937.
The reasons for the civil war in Spain, as seen by the some time senior American judge of the Cairo (Egypt) mixed Court Tribunal and at present special lecturer on civil law at Louisiana State University.
- CRABITES, PIERRE—Victoria's Guardian Angel. 299 p. Routledge, 1937.

The story of Victoria's acknowledged debt to the wise counsels of Baron Christian Friedrich von Stockman.

DENNIS, MARY CABLE—The tail of the comet, 11-189 p. Dutton, 1937.

A new biography of the novelist, George W. Cable, written by his daughter.

CURRY, WALTER CLYDE—Shakespeare's philosophical patterns. 244 p. Louisiana State University Press, 1937.

A study of Macbeth and the Tempest and their historical-philosophical background, as a means of interpreting Shakespeare.

FEIBLEMAN, JAMES — Christianity, communism and the ideal society. 419 p. George Allen and Unwin, 1937.

An earnest appeal for the acceptance of the idea of the possibility of an ideal society with the "deliberate cultivation" on the part of men of "an independent and abstract reason."

HARMANSON firm; publishers—Mme. Begue's Cook Book. 38 p. N. O., Harmanson, 1937.

Unsurpassed recipes of the famous Begue cuisine.

JAMES, JAMES ALTON—Oliver Pollock; the life and times of an unknown patriot. 276 p. N. Y. Appleton Century, 1937.

A fine biography of one of the financiers of the American Revolution, especially interesting to Louisianians for the excellent picture of Louisiana at the time of Galvez.

HEILMAN, ROBERT BECHTOLD—America in English fiction. 480 p. Louisiana State University Press., 1937.

A vital and interesting book showing how English novelists used the events of the American Revolution in bringing about the transformation of the American in English fiction from a vague, romantic imagined figure to a clean cut realistic one.

LOUISIANA STATE MUSEUM—Glamorous Louisiana under ten flags. 55 p. Louisiana State Museum, 1937.

A history of the flags that have flown over Louisiana with a brief descriptive sketch of the state and its resources. Col-

oured illustrations of flags.

LOUISIANA STATE MUSEUM, N. O.—The life of Judah Philip Benjamin. 25 p. Louisiana State Museum, 1937.

A short sketch of the life of Judah P. Benjamin and a story of his plantation home Bellechasse.

LOUISIANA STATE MUSEUM, N. O.—Zachary Taylor. 70 p. Louisiana State Museum, 1937.

A welcome monograph on the only president of the U. S. who was from Louisiana. Amply illustrated and containing interesting genealogical as well as historical data.

McLURE, LILLA AND HOWE, J., ed.—History of Shreveport and Shreveport Builders. 463 p. Shreveport, How, 1937.

A new and valuable reference work on the largest city in North Louisiana.

MURPHY, EDWARD F. — The Tenth Man, 7-257 p. Phila., Dolphin Press, 1937.

A wise, Christian interpretation of the negro problem, which is not the "white man's burden", but should be the white man's joyous responsibility to solve. The author, one who has studied and labored in a group consecrated to service to the negro.

MOTT, FRANK LUTHER AND OTHERS, ed.—Headlining America. 542 p. Boston, Houghton Mifflin Co., 1937.

A collection of newspaper articles, including stories by the following Louisiana journalists: C. E. Frampton, N. O. Item, W. M. Darling, N. O. Times Picayune; Fred Williamson, Monroe, (La.) News Star and John Breazeale, United Press. (N. O.).

READ, WILLIAM A.—Indian place-names in Alabama. 84 p. (L. S. U. studies no. 29) Louisiana State Univ. Press, 1937.

Another one of Dr. Read's most valuable studies in the history of the language and in the history of place-names in the South. Scholarly and authoritative.

TULANE LAW REVIEW—Livingston centennial number. The Tulane Law Review for Feb., 1937 dedicated to the memory of Edward Livingston, on the occasion of the

one hundredth anniversary of his death considering the historical importance of his leadership in the history of codification in Louisiana.

TYLER, ALICE JAYNES—I who should command all. 64 p. New Haven, Farmamat Pub. Co., 1937.

Story of Audubon which attempts to prove that Audubon was the Lost Dauphin.

VIOSCA, PERCY—Pond Fish Culture. 260 p. New Orleans, Pelican Pub. Co., 1937.

An excellent scientific text book on the culture of game fishes; of value both to the scientist and layman.

WEXBERG, ERWIN—Our children in a changing world. 232 p. N. Y., MacMillan, 1937. A book on child rearing with an admonishment for parents. Amply illustrated with cited cases gathered by a specialist of experience.

WHITE, FRANCES LAING, compiler. — The White Heron; an anthology of Louisiana women poets of today. Sponsored by Louisiana State Federation of Women's Clubs. 280 p. Shreveport, 1937.

A creditable showing of poems written by women in Louisiana. The choice of poems, many of which are inspired by the Louisiana scene, is varied and interesting.

Reprints

LOUISIANA LAWS, STATUTES, etc.—Acts of the first session of the first general assembly of the state of Louisiana, July, 1812. Baton Rouge, La., Otto Claitor, 1937.

LOUISIANA LAWS, STATUTES, ETC. — Acts passed at the extra session of the 10th legislature of the state of Louisiana, Nov. 1831, Baton Rouge, Otto Claitor, 1937.

LOUISIANA LAWS, STATUTES, ETC. — Acts passed by the general assembly of Louisiana June, 1867, Baton Rouge, La. Otto Claitor, 1937.

Magazine Articles

DELANGLEZ, JEAN—A Louisiana poet-histori-

an, Dumont dit Montigny. (In *Mid-America*, Jan., 1937, p. 31-49).

McILHENNY, E. A.—Life history of the boat tail grackle in Louisiana. (*Auk*, n. s. 54, p. 274-95, July, 1937.)

PERKINS, A. E.—James Henri Burch and Oscar Dunn in Louisiana. (*Journal negro history*, 22: 321-34, July, '37.

POWELL, A. L. — Amending the Louisiana constitution, (*Southwestern social science quarterly*, 18: 25-34, June, 1937.)

ST. MARTIN, THAD *Cajuns*, *Yale Review*, n. s. 26, no. 4, p. 859-62, Summer, 1937.

TINAYRE, M.—Avec la mission Cavelier de la Salle—*Revue des deux mondes*, series 8, v. 39: 620-6, June 1, 1937.

WILLIAMSON, FRED W.—The folk schools of Louisiana. (In the *Kiwanis Magazine*, v. 22, no. 2, Feb., 1937).

LIBRARIES FOR NEGROES

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coran, M. A., Professor in educational and vocational guidance, compiled the information and wrote the monographs. These monographs were written with the needs, ambitions, and opportunities of Negroes in mind. They cover practically every trade and profession and should prove valuable in any library. Information concerning the purchase of these monographs may be secured by writing:

The Xavier University Press
Washington and Pine Streets
New Orleans, Louisiana

A Jolly Christmas and a Happy New Year to all the librarians of the State. May 1938 bring each of you what is best for you, and may each of you resolve for the New Year to send in news of yourselves and your libraries to:

M. G. Burke, Editor of Negro Libraries
Section
Xavier University Library
Washington and Pine Streets
New Orleans, Louisiana

THE SURVEY OF FEDERAL ARCHIVES

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state director of the Women's and Professional Division of the Works Progress Administration in Louisiana, and her energetic and capable staff, we are continuing to achieve splendid results in historical research—the fruits of which will be placed in the National Archives, Washington, D. C.; in the library and archives' department of the Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge; the Howard Memorial Library, New Orleans; the Shreve Memorial Library, Shreveport, and certain West Florida documents in the Audubon Library, St. Francisville, as much data pertains to early Feliciana history.

In Arkansas, copies of the Descriptive Inventory and other material of that State will be deposited in the Public Library, Little Rock, and the State University at Fayetteville. In Mississippi, the Department of Archives and History, Jackson, and the State University at Oxford will be the depositories.

At the present time, 80 trained, capable, alert, and interested workers in New Orleans and Baton Rouge are surveying, tabulating, arranging, and reordering Uncle Sam's valuable new and old records, and from these dusty, age-yellowed pages, which delineate the times, the lives, the woes, the joys, and the customs of the past, the force of the Survey of Federal Archives is making what is conceded to be one of the most valuable contributions ever made to the history of the South in general, and to Louisiana in particular.

I wish I had space to tell, in specific detail, many of the historic and intensely interesting finds that have been made by our force in New Orleans and in Baton Rouge, but as each find is worth an article all its

own, I will have to tell in condensed form of some of the material we are making available to students:

A translation into English of the 17 volumes of records of the governors and commandants of Spanish West Florida, 1782-1810.

Translations into English of the messages of the Spanish governors of Louisiana from 1767-1803.

Translation into English of the letters of the Chevalier de Pradel, 1712-1764, a remarkable store of information on Colonial French Louisiana.

A survey and transcription of many of the records of the United States Land Office in reference to historical importance.

A survey and reordering of the case papers of the United States District Court, New Orleans, from 1803 to date. Considerable interesting data on piracy, slavery, War Between the States, early commerce, etc., are being made available through transcriptions and indexing.

A comprehensive card index to the alien entry manifests being made available to the Naturalization and Immigration Service.

A review of the tremendous collection of archives stored in the top floor of the United States Custom House, including manifests dealing with early importations of building materials, iron work, slaves, liquor, carriages, and articles of like interest to research specialists.

The list is long and cannot be given in full but what has been done is of sufficient value to libraries to justify the large amounts paid out by Uncle Sam in salaries to his white-collar nieces and nephews while this work has been in progress.

THE HISTORICAL RECORDS SURVEY

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of Middle American Research has published a guide to the *C. I. Fayssoux Collection of William Walker Papers*. We are presently engaged in calendaring the Favrot, the Vice-regal Document Collection, the Yucatecan Collection, the Boyd Collection, and an important Jefferson Davis Collection.

The work of the Survey on business, club and association records while not stressed, has gained headway. Other miscellaneous work has been done on cemetery records, painting, map, statuary, photograph, newspaper, and early American imprints collections.

While it will take some time to edit all of this material in suitable form for publication, the information compiled by the Survey to date will be made accessible to the serious student on any phase of Louisiana government, and history.

One hundred full sets of the publications of the National Survey will be deposited in selected Libraries and Archival establishments; the publications of each state will be deposited in as many libraries and public offices as possible. Requests for information concerning publications of the Survey should be addressed to the State Director, 649 Canal Bank Building, New Orleans.

COLLEGE AND REFERENCE SECTION

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fessors whose hobby is photography attracted much attention.

Mimeographed lists of recommended books with annotations have been issued in special fields. A general annotated list in booklet form with illustrations was issued of particularly interesting contemporary books. These lists have had a more direct influence on circulation than have the displays, though it is believed that interest has been attracted to the library through both methods.

COLLEGES NOT REPORTING:

Dodd College
Louisiana College
Louisiana State Normal
Loyola University
Newcomb College

SCHOOL LIBRARIES

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once a week for a period of ten weeks to discuss their respective subjects.

Inasmuch as methods of teaching must always be selected with reference to existing classroom conditions, those methods that conform most closely to the laws of learning are not always the most practicable. An instructor needs to know what particular teaching procedures may be used in the face of present obstacles to secure satisfactory results, and how to utilize the suggestions found in professional literature by adapting them more specifically to the given situation. Thus the series of discussions is less concerned with what the teacher should know about teaching problems than with what the teacher should do about them.

Keeping this object in mind, the librarians of the New Orleans Public Schools selected for discussion the following topics: Teaching the Function and the Use of the School Library; Library Contacts Influenced by Voluntary Attendance Library Budget; Reading Habits and Browsing Rooms, Pamphlets, Visual Aids, and Other Study Materials; Bridging the School Library with Other Agencies; Faculty Cooperation. Each topic is developed by a paper presented by one of the librarians, and her findings and suggestions are then discussed by the group. The meeting is summarized with recommendations, which are made to Mr. Bourgeois and to Misses Hart and Ferran, the co-chairman of the standing library committee.

It is reported that these meetings have been of great benefit to the entire library group. The program has given them an opportunity not only to thoroughly absorb the very recent suggestions found in professional literature, but also to test their practicability through one another's experiences.

Since the beginning of this session, three high-school librarians have been appointed to new positions: Miss Clara Griffon, Librarian of the DeQuincy High School, Mrs. Dorothy Steidtmann, Librarian of the Lagrange High School, and Mrs. Claude Brooks Magee, Assistant Librarian of the Ouachita Parish High School, Monroe.

INVENTORY OF PARISH ARCHIVES OF LOUISIANA

The Department of Archives of Louisiana State University has just issued the first of the parish reports, that for St. Charles Parish. Prepared by the Historical Records Survey of the Works Progress Administration under the direction of Mr. John C. L. Andreasson, this report serves as a model for the similar publications which it is planned will be made one for each parish of the state. The document before us is in mimeographed form, 117 pages, fully indexed. In it are recorded the condition and extent of the various parish records in the courthouse at Hahnville, the Parish seat. There is a brief historical sketch of the Parish and a statement as to the organization of the Records System. Then follow lists of records by officers from Police Jury to Home Demonstration Agent, in 24 divisions. Altogether the volume presents an interesting variety of documents, some going back as far as the year 1740 and the French Regime. The future students of history are here provided with an invaluable check-list for source materials and in incidental notes and voluminous references with a fascinating study of the origins of local government. These reports will prove so useful that it would seem advisable that they should be printed and preserved in more substantial form.

HOWARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

At the annual meeting held on December 13th, the forty-ninth report of the library was presented. A second floor of stacks accommodating 30,000 volumes was erected during the year. The use of the library increased materially. 32,050 books were issued to readers. Three times as many inter-library loans were made as in the preceding year. Nearly 10,000 books, pamphlets or periodicals were presented by friends of the library. Much praise was given the Works Progress Administration workers who have given the library great aid, especially in book-binding.

LIBRARY CLUB ACTIVITIES

The New Orleans Library Club, Mr. Ralph McComb, President, has held two

meetings this fall. At the October meeting held at Tulane University, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gropp who have recently returned from Central America made an interesting report on their Survey of Libraries and Archives in Central America. Mr. Gropp has kindly sent to the Bulletin a written report largely covering his findings. This contribution will appear in the March issue.

At the December meeting, held in the recently opened Children's room of the New Orleans Public Library. Miss Mildred Harrington of the Louisiana State University School of Library Science was the guest speaker. She spoke on recent children's books. Mrs. Mary Smith who conducts the Story Hour Service of the New Orleans Public Library charmingly told some Christmas stories.

The Baton Rouge Library Club is presided over by Miss Florinell Francis of the State University School of Library Science. At a meeting held on October 19. Mr. Arthur Gropp was guest speaker, his subject being his recent survey of Central American libraries. Miss Debora Abramson spoke for the Citizens' Library Movement and the club formally joined the organization.

The Library School in Baton Rouge has also its own Library Club and monthly meetings are held. Mr. Earl Morgan is president of the organization. At the October meeting, Contemporary American Fiction was the subject of the program. In November, Book Collecting was the chosen subject, which was discussed by several amateur collectors.

CADDO PARISH LIBRARY CLUB

Organized in 1936, this club operates very informally, luncheon meetings being held once a month. There is but one officer, a chairman, at present Miss Lucille Althar. At presented and there was a display of new the November meeting book reviews were books. The December meeting was in charge of Mrs. Alma Marston, Works Progress Administration Story Teller for the Shreve Memorial Library. This club sometimes meets jointly with the Webster Parish Library Club.